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RESPONSES TO REFS B, C AND D AND KRIANGSAK'S SHOPPING LIST
ARE AT VARIOUS STAGES OF PREPARATION AND CLEARANCE. WE
HOPE THEY WILL BE FORWARDED IN COURSE NEXT WEEK TO TEN
DAYS. FOR PURPOSES OF YOUR MEETING WITH DEFENSE MINISTER
DECEMBER 23, YOU MAY SAY THAT WE HAVE GENERAL KRIANGSAK'S
PAPER UNDER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND HOPE TO BE ABLE TO
DISCUSS OUR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO THAILAND WITH
THE RTG IN THE NEAR FUTURE. YOU SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, GIVE
KHRUAN ANY ENCOURAGEMENT THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO MEET THAI

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ASPIRATIONS AS EXPRESSED IN THE KRIANGSAK PAPER. FYI WE

WILL DO WHAT WE CAN BUT YOU ARE AWARE OF KIND OF CONSTRAINTS
UNDER WHICH WE MUST OPERATE. END FYI. SPECIFICALLY, YOU
SHOULD NOT TAKE UP WITH KHRUAN AT THIS TIME THE SUBJECT
OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROJECTS AND CO-PRODUCTION SCHEMES WITH
OTHER EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE ROC, WHICH WILL
BE ADDRESSED IN A MESSAGE PRESENTLY IN THE FINAL STAGES OF
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